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Summary Information

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Biographical Note

Charles Wesley Homsher was born on February 27, 1839 in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania to John and Mary Coons Homsher. Mr. Homsher was a private in Company H, 5th Cavalry, 90th Regiment of the Indiana Volunteers during the United States Civil War. He was captured in July, 1864 and held prisoner for 9 months at Andersonville Prison in Georgia. After the war, he moved back to Lancaster County. He married Ella Baughman (1850-1903) of Philadelphia and they had five children. He died of a work-related accident on September 24, 1893.

Sources:

Information found within collection.

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Scope and Contents

This collection contains photocopies of extracts from Charles Wesley Homsher's diary titled, "A Few Notes While in Andersonville Prison, Georgia" and the typewritten transcription of the diary entries. The diary relates Homsher's experiences during the Civil War from the time of his capture on July 31, 1864 at Clinton, Georgia until his release and discharge from military service in June, 1865. Also included are informational handouts from the Andersonville Prison Park - National Cemetery that relate the history of Andersonville.

Arrangement

This collection is arranged chronologically.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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Controlled Access Headings

Corporate Name(s)

- Andersonville Prison (Andersonville, Georgia).
- United States. Army. Indiana Cavalry Regiment, 5th (1862-1865).

Genre(s)

- Diaries
- Transcriptions

Geographic Name(s)

- United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865
- United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865--Military life
- United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865--Prisoners and prisons